

## Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division), Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator is proposing various amendments to the Nevada Underground Injection Control (UIC) Regulations, NAC 445A.810 to NAC 445A.925, inclusive. The UIC program is designed to protect underground sources of drinking water from degradation by regulating the fluids injected through a well. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act, has delegated Nevada authority to implement the state's UIC program. The proposed amendments to the UIC regulations are necessary to ensure that Nevada retains primacy for the UIC program by meeting the federal UIC regulations, which were recently amended. Additionally, amendments are also necessary to reflect current program requirements and needs.

The proposed regulation amendments primarily focus on Class V injection wells. Highlights include a ban on the construction of new Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Wells (MVWDWs), and a change in the definition of a "well" to include leachfields. A typical MVWDW consists of a floor drain in a shop that repairs or maintains motor vehicles, with floor wash water and other fluids disposed through the drain into a leachfield. The proposed amendments also include a plan for identification of Other Sensitive Ground Water Areas (OSGWAs). OSGWAs are locations within the state, in addition to groundwater protection areas around community water wells, that the state may determine to be critical for protecting underground sources of drinking water. In order to be permitted, existing MVWDWs located within identified OSGWAs will have to meet state drinking water standards at point of injection. Also proposed are changes to the permit fee structure, including new categories for aquifer storage and recovery and recharge; however, no overall permit fee increases will occur. Workshops will be held at the following locations to discuss the proposed amendments, and the State's preliminary OSGWA identification plan.

Carson City - Director's Conference Room  
123 W. Nye Lane, Room 217  
Carson City, NV  
Time: 10:00 am  
Date: September 21, 2000

Great Basin Community College, Elko NV  
Berg Hall  
1500 College Parkway  
Elko, NV 89801  
Time: 1:00 pm  
Date: October 3, 2000

Clark County Regional Transportation Commission Bldg.  
Rm. 133  
600 S. Grand Central Pkwy.  
Las Vegas, NV 89106  
Time: 10:00 am  
Date: October 5, 2000

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to any of the Administrator's proposed regulation amendments may do so by attending the Workshop and making public comment, or should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
333 West Nye Lane  
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the proposed regulation amendments. If the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The proposed amendments to the regulations and a draft OSGWA plan are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Karl Kanbergs or Cathe Pool in the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-4670, ext. 3111 or 3050 respectively.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.